

REMARKS

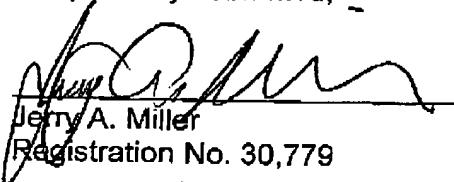
This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the outstanding Office Action. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

Regarding claims 26-41, these claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant regrets the minor error of disagreement between singular and plural and the other minor word processing error resulting in this rejection. These amendments are submitted only to correct minor errors and are consistent with the Examiner's interpretation of the claims and with the intended original scope of the claims. With the amendment of these claims to correct the noted errors, these claims are now believed allowable.

Regarding dependent claims 6, 15 and 49, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 10 and 44 respectively to incorporate the features of these dependent claims and all intervening claims. Claims 2-6, 11-15 and 45-49 have been cancelled. Claims 7, 16 and 50 have been amended to correct dependency in view of this amendment of the independent claims.

In view of this communication, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested at an early date.

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